GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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MANAGEMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give priority to the management of the protected areas in the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether the Government is focusing on encouraging the people living in deep forests to shift to the fringes voluntarily; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Yes, Sir. Management of protected areas is a priority of the Government in Eleventh Five Year Plan.

(b) & (c) Government encourages the voluntary relocation of people from the core areas of protected areas to fringe areas in the interest of wildlife conservation. Under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of `Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries`, and `Project Tiger`, financial assistance is provided to the State Governments for rehabilitation of the displaced families.